

Food Security Council

August 31, 2023

9:00am

Agenda

I.	Welcome	Dr. Edward Simmer
II.	Introductions	All
III.	Vision	Senator Thomas Alexander
IV.	Purpose and proviso review	All
V.	Proposed timeline	All
VI.	Meeting schedule and next steps	All

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess125_2023-2024/appropriations2023/tap1b.htm#s34

34.70. (DHEC: Food Security Council) (A) For Fiscal Year 2023-24, there is created the Food Security Council to be housed in the Department of Health and Environmental Control. The purpose of the Council shall be to:

(1) examine all state agency programs that address food insecurity in the State by providing monetary benefits or meal services that cover infants through senior citizens;

(2) identify gaps in service, particularly for the most vulnerable populations; and

(3) make recommendations on improvements to services and additional programs that can address the gaps in services.

(B) The Council shall be composed of one member representing each agency and appointed by the agency's director as follows:

(1) the Department on Aging;

(2) the Department of Agriculture;

(3) the Department of Education;

(4) the Department of Health and Environmental Control;

(5) the Department of Social Services;

(6) the Department of Health and Human Services;

(7) Clemson University PSA; and

(8) South Carolina State PSA.

(C) Any administrative services or support for the Council shall be provided by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

(D) The Council shall provide a report to the President of the Senate, the

Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on its findings and recommendations on the issues contained in this provision by January 31, 2024. Upon submission of the report, the Council shall be dissolved.

34.71. (DHEC: Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the department shall create the Innovative Reusable Byproduct Pilot Program. The purpose of the program is to determine whether innovations in manufacturing, food production, timber, and other similar industries regulated by the department can provide new opportunities to use byproduct which would otherwise require management as solid waste. The program shall not apply to: (1) hazardous waste; (2) infectious waste; (3) radioactive waste; or (4) refuse as defined and regulated pursuant to the South Carolina Mining Act.

Interested parties may apply to be considered for participation in the pilot program, but no more than five applicants can be selected for participation at any one time. The terms and conditions for participation by the projects selected by the department shall be set forth in a written agreement which shall provide, at a minimum, that a selected project must cease to operate if it is having a significant adverse impact on the environment.

The department shall submit a report on the program to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2024. This report shall include any legislative recommendations to provide for the use of reusable byproducts.